

2025 FQP Results
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NK4O/m in the Skyway Fishing Pier parking lot in PIN. Pictured are NK4O (front seat) and N4NMM (back seat). Photo by N4NTT.

Overall Recap & QSOs by State/Province

It's become customary to begin each edition of the FQP writeup with a summary of solar conditions. The SFI on Saturday and Sunday in 2025 was in the 150's, which is borne out by the QSO numbers on 15m in FQP.

It seems clear that Cycle 25 peaked in 2024, but we were all fortunate that good conditions persisted into 2025. FQP falls just over a month past the vernal equinox, so summertime conditions predominate. In summertime, 10m and 15m are rarely predictable, and often can differ significantly from day to day. Fortunately, 15m was excellent on both days. After K1TO crunched all the numbers and digested all the FL logs, 15m QSO totals were up overall by almost 67%! The big increase on 15m was accompanied by small increases in 20m and 40m

(traditionally the FQP money bands). 10m was essentially flat YOY, so total QSOs from Florida to US and VE were up by 12.5% overall this year.

Delving into the logs more deeply, we see the variability in rare states. After a big year in 2024 with 122 QSOs, Florida stations logged only 6 KL7 QSOs this year. KH6 was very rare in 2024 with 18 QSOs, about 15% of the total for AK. In 2025, there were 14 KH6 QSOs in the log checking database. So, the number of KH6 QSOs went down slightly overall, but as a percentage of the “rare” states, KH6 was dominant in 2025.

More generally, W1, W2, W3, W8, and W9 saw a big increase in 15m QSOs, each doubling their totals from 2024. Interestingly, W7, where you would expect 15m to be dominant, saw a decrease of 20%. Perhaps the overall activity from W7 was down slightly, or perhaps they were favoring 10m and 20m.

State-by-state, we can see that the medium distance states really benefitted from improved conditions and activity on 15m, as numbers in CT, NH, RI, VT, NJ, DE, PA, AL, KY, MS, MI, OH, WV, IL, and KS were each up at least double. CA was up by 50%, thanks in part to a big effort from N5KO. Our usual hotbed of activity in Canada, VE3, was nearly double as well, which reinforces the medium-distance theorem.

Though the modern FQP has been run through several sunspot peaks and troughs, Cycle 25 had perhaps the most even spread of activity, as 20m had barely 60% of the total QSOs, perhaps the lowest number on record! All of W4 is too close to really benefit from the renaissance on 15m, but they made up for it with big increases of 30-50% on 20m.

In addition to a big increase on 15m, KS was the place to be for 20m QSOs in 2025, with a 100% increase in the database. CA was another hotspot for 20m in 2025, while all of W7 saw a decrease.

40m was somewhat overlooked in 2025, though KS and MN drove a big increase in W0 (up nearly 80% YOY). LA dropped precipitously, but it wasn't enough to cause an overall drop in W5 thanks to big numbers from TX, OK, and AR. The rest of W5 was up 50% on 40m. CA was basically double. Beating the trend on the other bands, 40m was even up in W7.

<u>QTH</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>2025</u> <u>TOTAL</u>	<u>CALL</u> <u>AREA</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>2024</u> <u>TOTAL</u>	<u>QTH</u>
CT	67	853	421	3	1344	1	85	723	202	3	1013	CT
MA	265	1807	1390	21	3483	1	340	1831	711	2	2884	MA
ME	65	421	218	23	727	1	49	440	115	0	604	ME
NH	46	408	446	13	913	1	59	411	192	1	663	NH
RI	55	181	178	1	415	1	47	240	65	0	352	RI
VT	66	247	217	9	539	1	21	209	59	0	289	VT
	564	3917	2870	70	7421	1 Total	601	3854	1344	6	5805	

NJ	519	2072	943	3	3537	2	416	2061	276	3	2756	NJ
NY	571	3027	1921	29	5548	2	753	4211	1000	16	5980	NY
	1090	5099	2864	32	9085	2 Total	1169	6272	1276	19	8736	
DC	16	4	0	0	20	3	0	25	0	0	25	DC
DE	46	345	80	0	471	3	35	183	29	0	247	DE
MD	225	977	231	12	1445	3	330	1490	142	0	1962	MD
PA	665	3155	1206	21	5047	3	668	2936	469	21	4094	PA
	952	4481	1517	33	6983	3 Total	1033	4634	640	21	6328	
AL	176	761	13	6	956	4	191	514	2	1	708	AL
GA	314	925	7	0	1246	4	414	628	4	0	1046	GA
KY	201	784	17	0	1002	4	112	837	7	1	957	KY
NC	730	2789	29	2	3550	4	743	2067	28	1	2839	NC
SC	728	1183	16	0	1927	4	850	836	8	1	1695	SC
TN	800	3287	50	5	4142	4	742	2103	36	8	2889	TN
VA	1031	4325	251	6	5613	4	1080	4120	152	13	5365	VA
	3980	14054	383	19	18436	4 Total	4132	11105	237	25	15499	
AR	156	945	203	0	1304	5	157	1097	164	0	1418	AR
LA	33	458	6	0	497	5	153	716	7	0	876	LA
MS	39	281	5	0	325	5	56	330	0	0	386	MS
NM	46	228	210	65	549	5	0	123	190	55	368	NM
OK	264	899	629	24	1816	5	96	954	360	8	1418	OK
TX	724	3662	1564	52	6002	5	486	3692	1130	10	5318	TX
	1262	6473	2617	141	10493	5 Total	948	6912	1851	73	9784	
CA	85	1146	1642	487	3360	6	43	777	1052	522	2394	CA
HI	0	5	5	4	14	6	0	2	8	8	18	HI
	85	1151	1647	491	3374	6 Total	43	779	1060	530	2412	
AK	0	1	5	0	6	7	0	24	77	21	122	AK
AZ	67	639	574	257	1537	7	64	827	787	441	2119	AZ
ID	21	142	117	64	344	7	16	175	130	107	428	ID
MT	41	154	104	32	331	7	16	245	109	37	407	MT
NV	1	68	94	74	237	7	0	130	125	104	359	NV
OR	42	276	333	45	696	7	40	410	352	132	934	OR
UT	2	74	126	50	252	7	22	117	133	59	331	UT
WA	22	276	387	121	806	7	21	400	413	178	1012	WA
WY	0	53	32	14	99	7	6	51	64	11	132	WY
	196	1683	1772	657	4308	7 Total	185	2379	2190	109	5844	
MI	465	1847	823	29	3164	8	291	2603	410	0	3304	MI
OH	356	2935	607	1	3899	8	285	2521	167	0	2973	OH
WV	105	802	92	0	999	8	83	642	32	0	757	WV
	926	5584	1522	30	8062	8 Total	659	5766	609	0	7034	
IL	317	2367	1030	10	3724	9	313	3134	432	24	3903	IL

IN	214	1418	285	1	1918	9	286	1524	150	7	1967	IN
WI	181	1213	838	39	2271	9	131	1179	423	1	1734	WI
	712	4998	2153	50	7913	9 Total	730	5837	1005	32	7604	
CO	16	386	355	103	860	0	10	338	324	84	756	CO
IA	40	270	152	8	470	0	18	237	117	0	372	IA
KS	252	1425	1126	23	2826	0	23	769	421	5	1218	KS
MN	355	2117	2009	207	4688	0	287	2163	1294	4	3748	MN
MO	131	1099	408	0	1638	0	56	1017	220	1	1294	MO
ND	0	33	41	2	76	0	0	90	72	7	169	ND
NE	22	103	58	5	188	0	41	214	117	1	373	NE
SD	0	19	29	13	61	0	30	143	82	2	257	SD
	816	5452	4178	361	10807	0 Total	465	4971	2647	104	8187	
	1058					Grand Total		5250	1285	190		
	3	52892	21523	1884	86882	Total	9965	9	9	0	77233	
	12%	61%	25%	2%	+12.5%		13%	68%	17%	2%		
NS	24	113	65	21	223	VE1	0	36	4	1	41	NS
NB	4	87	112	13	216	VE1,9	0	84	34	2	120	NB
NL	27	34	1	2	64	VO	0	2	0	0	2	NL
NU	0	0	0	0	0	VY0	0	0	0	0	0	NU
QC	8	140	132	22	302	VE2	21	391	104	4	520	QC
ON	872	3371	2838	94	7175	VE3	953	4581	1447	13	6994	ON
MB	1	63	51	16	131	VE4	1	76	47	1	125	MB
SK	0	85	72	12	169	VE5	0	3	2	1	6	SK
AB	3	95	71	29	198	VE6	0	48	55	41	144	AB
BC	19	165	113	18	315	VE7	8	231	216	48	503	BC
NT	0	0	0	0	0	VE8	0	2	0	0	2	NT
YT	0	0	0	0	0	VY1	0	0	0	0	0	YT
PE	0	0	6	0	6	VY2	0	22	9	0	31	PE

Stats above are from Florida logs.

QSOs from FL to other US States represented a very solid 12.5 % increase from 2024. While 40M and 20M were up a bit and 10M essentially even, 15M was huge with a 67% increase! Breaking it down by Call Area, W1, W2, W3, W8 and W9 had more than double the QSOs, while W7 was the only area to lose ground, down nearly 20%. Breaking it down further by State reveals even more subtleties - more than double the 15M Qs in CT, NH, RI, VT, NJ, DE, PA, AL, KY, MS, MI, OH, WV, IL, KS - all medium-distance. In fact, every W7 State was down on 15M. AK had 122 Qs overall in '24 and only 6 in '25. Oddly, CA was up over 50% on 15M. VE3 was almost double! 20M - barely 60% of the total for what might be its lowest % with activity better spread out than ever in this fairly high sunspot year. W4s are too close for 15M to be a factor, so almost all W4 States showed 30-50% increases. KS was the place to be on 20M, too, with

nearly double the '24 totals. KS, KS, KS! Similarly to 15M, CA showed a big increase while nearly every W7 State had less Qs. 40M - A nearly 80% increase for the W0s, led by KS & MN. Despite a precipitous drop in LA, the rest of W5 was up over 50%. CA was basically double and even W7 was up a bit. 10M - While the W7s dipped by 40%, others made up for that so the yearly sums were nearly equal. VE3s went from 13 to 94, similar to W1 6-70, NY 16-29, MI 0-29, WI 1-39 and MN 4-207, all along the border.

Logs Received and Silent Keys

The number of logs received dropped slightly in 2025, though total QSOs were up about 12.5%. We had healthy increases in mobiles and expeditions within Florida, but those gains were offset by decreases in logs from elsewhere in the US as well as a small decrease in FL fixed station logs.

Historical Log Breakdown by Area

Area	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
FL-Fixed	127	140	150	150	168	214	123	113	108	103
FL-Mobiles + Virtual	290	258	229	230	248	78	327	445	395	468
FL-Expeditions	51	37	27	24	35	0	53			
USA	536	583	547	582	661	766	451	379	396	320
VE	54	72	65	66	71	75	59	42	42	36
DX	40	32	35	49	41	53	16	24	30	51
TOTAL	1098	1122	1053	1101	1224	1186	1029	1003	971	978

Earlier Years:

2015-916 2014-881 2013-1059(89 DX) 2012-1093 2011-866 2010-903 2009-987 2008-826 2007-778 2006-755
2005-589 2004-706 2003-662 2002-450 2001-403 2000-294 1999-215 1998-229

On a more somber note, we lost several prominent boosters of the FQP and longtime FCG members in 2025 and early 2026. Eric Smitt K9ES was a longtime FQP member who had moved back to W9 to be near his family after some health challenges. Eric hosted many multi-ops at his station in BRE for FQP as well as DX contests, and mentored (among others) AD4ES, who has taken up the mantle as a serious but approachable multi-op within the club. Chuck and Eric were both participants in the only FQP /AM effort, aiming to activate all 67 FL counties from Chuck's airplane. Sadly, antenna inefficiency and noise precluded a successful entry from the plane, but Eric had been a CW op in the AD4ES/m many times. Eric holds the M/S Mixed LP record in Florida from his home station. In addition to his FB operating skills, Eric ran the FQP plaque program for many years.

K4SBZ also passed away in late 2025. Stan was a retired attorney living in the Tallahassee area. It was Stan's idea to begin a program to reward contest activity by club members, which became the FCAP. The FCAP has resulted in significant increase in club activity in a broad breadth of contests, including but not limited to the other state QSO parties. Stan also had a

FQP 2025 - Top QSOs by Band/Mode; Top Mults											
FL Fixed											
40 CW	20 CW	15 CW	10 CW	CW QSOS		CW MULTS					
W4SPR	254	W4AC	498	W4SPR	374	W1RCR	109	W4SPR	1150	NM4AA	74
W4SO	225	W4SPR	494	W1RCR	321	K2ZR/4	71	W1RCR	1050	W1RCR	73
W1RCR	219	WW4B	484	NE8P	320	NM4AA	67	NE8P	1016	5 TIED WITH	68
NE8P	218	WS4K	483	W4DXM	304	WB4TDH	67	W4DXM	915		
WW4B	196	W4DXM	441	W4OX	303	W4SO	62	NM4AA	901		
40 SSB	20 SSB	15 SSB	10 SSB	SSB QSOS		SSB MULTS					
AJ4D	181	NL7WA	1434	W4AC	379	N4CRE	84	NL7WA	1434	NL7WA	88
WB4FSU	113	W3US	751	W3US	227	W4AC	61	W3US	1074	W3US	75
W4MLB	106	W4MLB	716	W4MLB	227	KO4DN	51	W4MLB	1049	WA3LXD	67
W3US	96	WA3LXD	515	WA3LXD	198	NA4DC	25	WA3LXD	804	W4MLB	65
W4SVI	87	K4KKC	472	KQ4LVP	125	WA3LXD	16	W4AC	723	W4AC	64
				TOTAL QSOS				TOTAL MULTS			
		W3US	1878			W3US	143				
		W4AC	1567			NM4AA	131				
		NL7WA	1434			W4AC	129				
		NM4AA	1347			W4OX	121				
		W4MLB	1293			K4PV	114				

All five stations in the top-5 for 15m CW exceeded 300 QSOs, and W1RCR exceeded 100 QSOs on 10m CW. The multi-op team at W4AC in PIN had almost 400 QSOs on 15m SSB, with W3US in SUM and W4MLB in BRE bunched behind at 227 each.

From outside FL, one of the entries in the top-QSO table is not like the others, as OM2VL posted an outstanding total of 164 QSOs after log checking on 15m CW. The mobile activity on 15m was a real boon to Laci. Congratulations to N7IR for a big total of 190 QSOs on 15m from his station in AZ.

10m CW QSOs from outside Florida were all bunched in the 40's, with only six QSOs separating previous FQP winner N6MU at 47 from K9VV signing KP2RUM at 41. On SSB, KN6VTC, W1KDA, and VE3LRL all exceeded 100 QSOs on 15m, and K6RC exceeded 60 QSOs on 10m SSB.

Overall, KP2RUM broke 700 QSOs but had OM2VL breathing down his neck with 690. FB job to both of these past WRTC competitors!

Florida Results

PIRATES 1x1s

Congratulations and many thanks to our 14 hosts for our PIRATES 1x1 calls in 2025. These included our first Expedition host (N4P operated by AA4NP, K4NMR, K5KG, and W4LT in GIL) as well as many returning hosts stretching from ESC and BAY in the panhandle to ORA and PIN and PAS in Central Florida.

The 1x1 spelling bee is intended to drive participation and encourage an approachable sweep for those who can't spend the whole weekend on the radio or don't work CW, where most of our mobiles hang out. The effort was successful in 2025 with 672 sweeps of the PIRATES 1x1 stations. We appreciate the hard work from the 1x1 hosts to activate both modes seriously for the weekend, and we congratulate everyone who was able to find all seven letters to complete the sweep!

The 1x1 stations are intended to act as beacons on the bands and advertise the FQP to everyone. We hope that stations who happen across the 1x1 stations and work them will get curious and chase the remainder of the 1x1s (to finish the spelling bee word) and that they'll also find some other FQP stations while they're at it. Since we adopted the 1x1 spelling bee for the 15th FQP, we've seen an uptick in the number of QSOs logged, so we believe it is a net positive for the event. For 2026 to celebrate the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States, the 1x1 word will be US BIRTHDAY. Each letter will be represented by two stations, and all stations will be mixed mode, so you'll have plenty of opportunities to complete the spelling bee.

As a reminder, we do not score the 1x1 entries against in-state stations. They are scored against one another only on the basis of raw QSOs with no multipliers available. This is to incentivize the 1x1 stations to run for essentially the entire 20-hour event, or as close to it as they possibly can.

<u>CALL</u>	<u>CTY</u>	<u>40</u> <u>CW</u>	<u>20</u> <u>CW</u>	<u>15</u> <u>CW</u>	<u>10</u> <u>CW</u>	<u>40</u> <u>SSB</u>	<u>20</u> <u>SSB</u>	<u>15</u> <u>SSB</u>	<u>10</u> <u>SSB</u>	<u>TOI</u>	<u>OPERATOR(S)/HOST(S)</u>
K4P	PIN	9	251	251	89	75	546	208	29	1458	AA0O AB4YI AI4RJ K2BHS K4OB KB8ESY KG1S KL7IH KR4U KZ0J N2SKH N4GD N4GRC NY4I W4GGJ WB9JTK @W4GAC
N4P	GIL	190	391	191	17	63	244	165	5	1266	AA4NP K4NMR K5KG W4LT
K4I	VOL	208	467	313	23	174	502	250	37	1974	KQ4R N2MD @N2MD
N4I	CIT	236	365	340	45	230	1250	377	106	2949	K9GS NV9L W4ZTH WB9Z @WB9Z
K4R	ORA	311	619	319	61	50	326	207	36	1929	K0LUZ N4WW @N4WW
N4R	ORA	191	400	248	60	133	582	176	6	1796	N6AR

K4A	LAK	209	290	236	41	145	542	227	42	1732	WO4O
N4A	BAY	275	431	207	50	122	551	193	48	1877	NF4A
K4T	ESC	77	470	222	37	161	1823	165	62	3017	KK4TE N4OX @N4OX
N4T	ALC	236	553	332	71	121	847	281		2441	KM4ZQE N4UU @N4UU
K4E	PAS		466	278	17		486	89		1336	K4EJ
N4E	LAK	281	432	329	80	181	968	156	37	2464	NN7CW
K4S	HER	247	405	271	30	117	800	119		1989	K2SG
N4S	SUW	310	527	241	59	106	786	298	45	2372	KODI K1UHF K4SME KE4PWE KR4CJK N2CEI N9MC @N4SVC
		2780	6067	3778	680	1678	10253	2911	453	28600	
MODE				:	13305				15295	28600	
BAND				:		4458	16320	6689	1133	28600	

County Sweeps

2025 saw nine mobile teams and 15 expeditions fan out throughout the state. The mobiles enable out of state entrants to chase the county sweep, which has historically been the goal for serious entrants from outside Florida. We introduced the 1x1 sweep as a more approachable goal, but persisting and haunting the mobile windows on CW is the recipe for county sweeps. 2025 saw a coincidental 25 total county sweeps,

Similar to many states, Florida has very densely-populated counties and very sparsely-populated counties. Many of the peninsular counties away from the coast have very limited fixed station activity. Similarly, the panhandle has a few counties that are very rare, many of whom don't have any fixed station activity. In 2025, the earliest sweep went to OM2VL, who worked his 67th county at 2325z on 20m when he found K4OJ in CLM. Laci worked his 66th county about 10 minutes prior when he found N4CW in OKA. OM2VL is a dedicated proponent of the FQP and has turned in a great score for many years; he deserves special kudos for his excellent score and nose for multipliers to finish the sweep on the first day of the FQP, one of only two entrants to do so.

The second sweep (and the only other sweep on Saturday) was from WB9HFK at 0123z. Mark finished the mixed sweep with a QSO with N4CW in OKA after working AD4EB in OKE at 2339z.

The first unassisted sweep came from N7IR only three minutes after the Sunday operating period started when he worked W4AN in CLA. Gary also worked N4CW in OKA for his #66 on Saturday evening.

The first VE sweep came from VE3NNT six minutes later, when Les worked AC6ZM in GUL after working N4TO in CLA for his #66 in the first minute of the Sunday operating session. The

second VE sweep was soon after, as VE7ZO worked N4CW in JAC. Jim's #66 was also courtesy of N4CW in OKA on Saturday night.

K7SV finished up the second unassisted sweep and the closest sweep from his station in VA. Lar worked K4OJ in FLG in the second hour on Sunday; his #66 was N4CW in JAC in the first hour on Sunday.

Other notable sweeps included K1EP (operating remote from VT) finishing the sweep on Sunday after needing 15 more multipliers for the sweep at the end of the operating period Saturday night. Ed worked N4FCG in STL for his last needed multiplier in the 2000z hour.

Kudos to OM2VL (our only EU sweeper), N5KO and VE7ZO for sweeps from the west coast, N7IR for the only sweep from W7, and to N7IR, N9CK, N5RZ, W8PI, N8II, and W1TO for unassisted sweeps.

SWEEP	CALL	QTH	CATEGORY	PWR	TIME	QSO WITH	CTY	#66	QSO WITH	CTY	DAY 1
MIX	OM2VL	OM	SO(A) MIXED	H	2325	K4OJ	CLM	2314	N4CW	OKA	67
CW	OM2VL	OM	SO(A) MIXED	H	2325	K4OJ	CLM	2314	N4CW	OKA	67
MIX	WB9HFK	IL	SO(A) MIXED	L	0123	N4CW	OKA	2339	AD4EB	OKE	67
MIX	N7IR	AZ	SINGLE OP CW	L	1203	W4AN	CLA	0151	N4CW	OKA	66
CW	N7IR	AZ	SINGLE OP CW	L	1203	W4AN	CLA	0151	N4CW	OKA	66
MIX	VE3NNT	ON	SO(A) MIXED	L	1209	AC6ZM	GUL	1201	N4TO	CLA	65
CW	VE3NNT	ON	SO(A) MIXED	L	1209	AC6ZM	GUL	1201	N4TO	CLA	65
MIX	VE7ZO	BC	SO(A) CW	H	1250	N4CW	JAC	0125	N4CW	OKA	66
CW	VE7ZO	BC	SO(A) CW	H	1250	N4CW	JAC	0125	N4CW	OKA	66
MIX	K7SV	VA	SINGLE OP MIXED	L	1311	K4OJ	FLG	1219	N4CW	JAC	65
CW	K7SV	VA	SINGLE OP MIXED	L	1311	K4OJ	FLG	1219	N4CW	JAC	65
MIX	NS0R	KS	SO(A) MIXED	H	1420	AD4ES	DIX	1258	AA4TI	HEN	62
MIX	VE3YT	ON	SO(A) MIXED	H	1431	N4CW	CAH	1420	AD4ES	DIX	64
CW	VE3YT	ON	SO(A) MIXED	H	1431	N4CW	CAH	1420	AD4ES	DIX	63
MIX	N9CK	WI	SINGLE OP CW	H	1655	N4CW	LIB	1418	N4CW	CAH	64
CW	N9CK	WI	SINGLE OP CW	H	1655	N4CW	LIB	1418	N4CW	CAH	64
MIX	KV8Q	OH	SO(A) CW	L	1702	N4CW	LIB	1412	NG2O	CLR	64
CW	KV8Q	OH	SO(A) CW	L	1702	N4CW	LIB	1412	NG2O	CLR	64
MIX	KM5G	AR	SO(A) CW	L	1708	N4CW	LIB	0122	N4TO	UNI	66
CW	KM5G	AR	SO(A) CW	L	1708	N4CW	LIB	0122	N4TO	UNI	66
CW	WB9HFK	IL	SO(A) MIXED	L	1826	AD4EB	LIB	0123	N4CW	OKA	66
MIX	KP2RUM	KP2	SO(A) MIXED	H	1827	AD4EB	LIB	1634	KG4Y	OKA	62
MIX	N5RZ	TX	SINGLE OP CW	H	1827	AD4EB	LIB	1803	AD4EB	GAD	65
CW	N5RZ	TX	SINGLE OP CW	H	1827	AD4EB	LIB	1803	AD4EB	GAD	65
MIX	W8PI	MI	SINGLE OP CW	H	1838	AC6ZM	JAC	0032	N4OQV	DUV	66

CW	W8PI	MI	SINGLE OP CW	H	1838	AC6ZM	JAC	0032	N4OQV	DUV	66
CW	NS0R	KS	SO(A) MIXED	H	1842	K4OJ	HEN	1832	KA3EHL	CLA	60
MIX	N8II	WV	SINGLE OP MIXED	L	1845	K4SBZ	FRA	0048	K4OJ	BRA	66
MIX	N2ZN	NY	SO(A) MIXED	H	1846	W4AN	DIX	1449	N4CW	CAH	63
CW	N2ZN	NY	SO(A) MIXED	H	1846	W4AN	DIX	1449	N4CW	CAH	62
MIX	AF5J	TX	SO(A) CW	H	1851	AD4EB	CAH	1826	AD4EB	LIB	63
CW	AF5J	TX	SO(A) CW	H	1851	AD4EB	CAH	1826	AD4EB	LIB	63
MIX	K0RC	MN	SO(A) MIXED	L	1905	W4AN	DIX	1845	AD4EB	CAH	59
CW	K0RC	MN	SO(A) MIXED	L	1905	W4AN	DIX	1845	AD4EB	CAH	59
MIX	AA0FO	KS	SO(A) MIXED	H	1949	K4SBZ	FRA	1650	N4CW	LIB	60
MIX	N3RD	PA	SO(A) CW	H	1950	N4CW	WAK	1745	N4CW	GAD/LIB	61
CW	N3RD	PA	SO(A) CW	H	1950	N4CW	WAK	1745	N4CW	GAD/LIB	61
MIX	K1EP	VT	SO(A) CW	L	2020	N4FCG	STL	1956	W4AN	TAY	52
CW	K1EP	VT	SO(A) CW	L	2020	N4FCG	STL	1956	W4AN	TAY	52
MIX	K1JB	ME	SO(A) MIXED	H	2027	N4CW	WAK	1843	AD4EB	CAH	62
CW	K1JB	ME	SO(A) MIXED	H	2027	N4CW	WAK	1843	AD4EB	CAH	62
MIX	W1TO	MA	SINGLE OP CW	H	2051	AC6ZM	LIB	1956	W4AN	TAY	57
CW	W1TO	MA	SINGLE OP CW	H	2051	AC6ZM	LIB	1956	W4AN	TAY	57
MIX	K3WW	PA	SO(A) CW	L	2107	AC6ZM	LIB	0017	N4CW	OKA	66
CW	K3WW	PA	SO(A) CW	L	2107	AC6ZM	LIB	0017	N4CW	OKA	66
CW	N8II	WV	SINGLE OP MIXED	L	2122	W4AN	FRA	1215	K4OJ	STJ	65
MIX	N5KO	CA	SO(A) CW	H	2126	AD4EB	OKA	1714	WB4AAA	PAL	56
CW	N5KO	CA	SO(A) CW	H	2126	AD4EB	OKA	1714	WB4AAA	PAL	56
MIX	N5TJ	TX	SO(A) CW	H	2126	AD4EB	OKA	1730	AC6ZM	HOL	60
CW	N5TJ	TX	SO(A) CW	H	2126	AD4EB	OKA	1730	AC6ZM	HOL	60
CW	KP2RUM	KP2	SO(A) MIXED	H	2128	AD4EB	OKA	1827	AD4EB	LIB	61
MIX	AA3R	NJ	SO(A) MIXED	L	2136	AD4EB	OKA	1952	AD4EB	JAC	62

FL Fixed Stations

Single Op Mixed

Congratulations to W3US for a big win from his station in SUM. Rusty ran high power but posted a tremendous QSO count, tops for any single-op in any category. Rusty had a very clean log as well, achieving the log checking honor roll with a sub-1.0% error rate after our rigorous log checking was completed. Rusty had more QSOs on SSB than on CW with very competitive multiplier counts on both modes.

About 6% behind Rusty was K4PV in rare SAN. Jim has a very competitive station in the panhandle, and we appreciate him activating SAN each year. Jim didn't have as big an emphasis on SSB as Rusty did, and he missed those extra multipliers. His CW multiplier total

was competitive, with 63 to Rusty's 68. However, the extra SSB QSOs and multipliers in the W3US log were the difference, even with the 2.0x score multiplier available for K4PV's 100w effort.

In third place in the category was last year's winner, W4EE. Jim again emphasized CW, with nearly 75% of his QSOs on CW. Jim also kept a very clean log, as he was also on the log checking honor roll along with W3US.

In fourth place overall, and first place QRP, was K3TW in CIT. 80% of Tom's QSOs were on CW, which is not unexpected for a QRP entry. Congratulations are in order to Tom; I believe he's won the in-state QRP title each year that this author has written the results article, and he keeps setting the bar higher and higher for himself. Kudos!

Single Op Assisted Mixed

Following on his win from 2024, K3SV chose to use his home call this year from his station in PAS, and posted a dominant win in the category. Bill posted a sparkling clean log, as he ended up on the log checking honor roll with only four CW errors and zero SSB errors detected!

Single Op CW

The race for the top of this category, usually the most popular within Florida, was tight this year. Congratulations to Spray W4SPR for coming out on top! Spray finished with the top multiplier and most QSOs in the category from his all-wire antenna farm in MRT, and landed on the log checking honor roll with an error rate of < 1.0%.

Spray outlasted NE8P, operating his similarly modest station (rotatable dipole and verticals) from VOL. Mike has bounced around in categories in recent FQPs. Last year he operated SSB-only. This year he left the mic in the drawer and turned in a very respectable performance on CW! Mike had a clean log as well, but unfortunately had fewer QSOs and three fewer multipliers than W4SPR to finish in a very strong 2nd place.

Previous winner WB4TDH finished third in this category from his station in PIN. Andy is a frequent entrant in DX contests as single-band 10m or 15m from his tribander and wires station on the Gulf coast; he found 68 multipliers, the same as W4SPR, but couldn't muster up the QSO count and so ended up about 11% behind NE8P.

Single Op CW Assisted

From the "Southernmost Hamshack in the Continental USA" (Patent Pending), K2ZR/4 posted a very FB score using his all-wire antenna farm at his winter home on Key West, in MON. Dick was tantalizingly close to the 500-QSO mark after log checking...perhaps next year!

Single Op SSB

NL7WA may not sound like a stereotypical Florida callsign, and indeed it isn't. John is a retired USCG Radioman who was stationed on Kodiak Island, AK for many years. He's relocated to HER, just north of Tampa, where he's started a new hobby of dominating the FQP in the SSB-only category. John turned in a VFB log that would handily win the SOSB20 category if such a category existed. After log checking, John didn't quite make the log checking honor roll in 2025 as he did in 2024, finishing just above the cutoff. However, his QSO and multiplier count was still the class of the category, handily outpacing even the assisted entrants as well.



Feast your eyes on the Hawaiian Tropic Legs...operator-eye view of the N4TO/m station. The radio is a TS-480HX attached to a Lido ball mount that fits in the cupholder. The monitor is a 1920x1080 USB-C powered display that was attached to the dash trim with about a 12-inch strip of 3M Dual Lock. The laptop was between the seat and center console, and the only thing the operator had to manage was the external keyboard. The WinKey and the body of the radio were on the floor of the back seat behind the passenger.

Florida Multi-Ops

Thanks to everyone in Florida who chose to put together a multi-op effort, whether it involved just two operators or a cast of dozens. We appreciate the time you invest in the contest, and many hands make light work of shoveling those QSOs!

Multi-Single

Congratulations to the W4MLB team in BRE for their big win in the M/S category in 2025. With 10 ops, they made a big emphasis on SSB (4x as many SSB QSOs as CW) and did their part to make sure BRE was the most common county in out-of-state logs, as it usually is.

In second place in the category was the team at NM4AA, operating from WA1BXY's station in CIT. WA1BXY and his wife KC1BXY elected to turn on the amplifier and to emphasize CW rather than SSB (2x the QSOs on CW as on SSB after log checking). Unfortunately, with the benefit of the 2.0x score multiplier for only using 100w, the W4MLB team came out on top. Despite their 2nd place finish, Don and Melissa did set the record for M/S HP in 2025. Kudos!

K2CIB and WC3W entered as a M/S CW-only from their remote station in OSC as W4DXM (W4 DX Marathon) to take third overall. Without the benefit of any SSB multipliers, Mark and John still managed a very respectable finish with the most CW QSOs in the category. Unusually, they did not have the top multiplier on CW, as NM4AA finished with 74 against their total of 68.



The AD4ES/m team L-R: AD4ES, K4QD, K5LD, KE4YGT

Multi-Multi

With only four bands for operation, the FQP has generally lumped M/2 entries in with M/M entries for scoring purposes, as there isn't much difference in what the two categories can achieve reasonably within the constraints of the rules and regulations. The Tamiami ARC in SAR put together a very competitive entry as W4AC in 2025, with over 1500 QSOs after log checking, with slightly more QSOs on CW than on SSB. With 16 operators, they had plenty of ops to keep the bands covered for the entire contest. Their totals on 15m SSB were particularly notable, as they posted almost 400 QSOs on that band-mode to go with 61 QSOs on 10m SSB. Coincidentally, they had almost the same multiplier count between SSB and CW, as they finished with 65 mults on CW and 64 on SSB after log checking.

There was a very close battle for 2nd place in this category, as NA4DC in BRO and WX4E in CHA battled it out over the course of the 20 hour contest. After log checking, the two entries were separated by only 5 total QSOs, including exactly the same number of valid QSOs on SSB (376)! In the end, it came down to five fewer CW QSOs and one net multiplier to push the team at NA4DC just ahead of the WX4E team by the proverbial whisker.

Florida School

We had two entrants in the Florida School category in 2025. Welcome back to frequent entrants K4WTL at the William Travis Lofton HS in ALC and welcome to new entrant the ARC at USF in Tampa!

K4WTL operated only CW again, with advisor and trustee W4GJ joining unlicensed students Bella and Ella to post over 750 QSOs on CW with a very competitive multiplier total. Kudos to Bob and the faculty and staff at W.T. Lofton High School for their investment in the amateur radio club and to teaching CW! They set a new record for School Club LP CW in 2025! The overall school record will require some SSB multipliers; once the K4WTL team finds a microphone, they'll be well on their way!

W4USF operated SSB-only and had 30 multipliers in only 55 QSOs. More BIC will soon have them challenging the more experienced school and club SSB-only entrants!

Florida Mobiles & Expeditions

We had a very healthy population of mobiles in various categories in 2025. Unlike in 2024, we had robust competition in several categories, with two Multi-Multi Mixed entrants, three Multi-Single CW and one Multi-Single Mixed entrants, and two single-op (no driver) entrants. With nine total mobile entrants, over half (5 out of 9) made the log checking honor roll, no small feat while bouncing around in the car and operating with compromise antennas and sometimes very noisy environments.

AD4EB and his wife and driver Melody drove down to Florida for the FQP in 2025 and rewrote the record books yet again. By concentrating on county lines and planning a strategic route, Jim set the bar ever higher with almost 4000 valid QSOs after log checking. That's right...his average rate after log checking for the 20 hours of the FQP was nearly 200 QSOs/hr from a mobile station with verticals on top of a minivan. Jim also peeks at the RBN and tunes for multipliers in the slow periods (whenever those are) because he had by far the most CW multipliers of any mobile entry with 77. If you're not tired of superlatives yet, Melody and Jim also covered the most counties of any mobile entrant with 48, including many rare panhandle counties on Sunday to allow many out-of-state entrants to complete the sweep. Finally, as if Jim didn't get enough superlatives in this paragraph, he made the log checking honor roll with a sub-1.0% error rate.

AD4ES and his team operated Multi-Multi mixed from Chuck's full-sized FQP van (it has "FQP" in 18" black letters on each side, so you know he's serious) in 36 counties. They made SSB QSOs primarily on 15m with a few on 40m. Chuck and his team kept the 20m station busy on CW for the entire contest.



KQ3Q at her operating position at Homestead Bayfront Park in DAD

Behind AD4ES was the new mobile team of NK4O (+ N4NMM & N4NTT). AJ did all the CW operating and N4NMM did all of the SSB operating on 15m. Victoria used the YL advantage on SSB to vastly exceed her pre-contest goal of 100 QSOs by posting a very competitive 517 QSOs on 15m SSB. AJ and Victoria actually found one more net multiplier than AD4ES across their 32-county route, but the QSO deficit was too much to overcome this time.

Next came the cluster of four M/S mobile teams. Congratulations to K1TO and new FQP-er K2UA for their category-winning entry as N4TO. Rus flew to Florida and set up a station in a rental car with two screwdriver-type antennas. Rus and Dan covered 45 counties; second only to AD4EB's 48-county route. They included several county lines to juice the QSO totals even more. They weren't able to reach the stratospheric heights of average rate that AD4EB managed, but they managed 3265 QSOs after log checking for a very compelling 161 QSOs/hr average for the contest. As expected from two such FB ops, their error rate was miniscule, easily placing them on the log checking honor roll. We look forward to the return of this excellent team in 2026 for more tight competition.



K1TO (R) and K2UA (L). Rus says, "In my mind we're still 20 and 26, like the day we first met. It's just a bad picture."

Second place in the category (but first place in the author's heart, since I was on the team) was team K4OJ, featuring N4KM and W4WF. Kevin and Chris operated from the back seat of Kevin's sedan through 41 counties. Stuck in the past with their route planning, they did not include any county lines on their route. They broke 3000 QSOs prior to log checking, but were brought cruelly back down to earth to finish with 2954 QSOs, a mere 148/hr average rate. They did find an extra two multipliers compared with N4TO, but it wasn't enough to overcome a > 300 QSO deficit.



N4KM signing K4OJ/m from MAO on Saturday

Third place in this category covering 27 south Florida counties was N4FCG, operated by N4BP and NX4N. NX4N was not physically able to assemble his usual M/M CW team as K4OJ in his SUV, but he was able to put one station in his SUV and cover an abbreviated route in SFL with N4BP as the primary operator. They had almost 2600 QSOs and a very competitive 64 multipliers after log checking (the same as K4OJ and two more than N4TO). Bob and Chris had a miniscule error rate, comfortably landing on the log checking honor roll.



N4BP (L) and NX4N (R) properly attired and ready to operate as N4FCG/m

KU8E and K4BAI drove down to Florida from their homes in Georgia and operated as W4AN in memory of Bill Fisher through 33 counties. They operated primarily CW but made some detours to SSB in some rare panhandle counties. As usual, John and Jeff had a very clean log, easily staying below the 1.0% error rate required to make the log checking honor roll.

The ranks of the single-op no driver category also doubled for 2025, with AC6ZM driving down from Tennessee to compete with K8MR in a category that Jim has owned in recent years. K8MR covered 14 counties, some more than once, and again was able to operate while in motion for part of the contest. Jim made more SSB QSOs than usual, with 366 phone QSOs after log checking to go with a very healthy 57 SSB multipliers to exceed 1,000,000 points; one of only three stations to do so (AD4EB and AD4ES being the others).

AC6ZM also covered 14 counties, mostly in Northern FL. He emphasized 20m, with > 1200 QSOs on that band, more than 300 more than K8MR. Usually in FQP that's a winning strategy; 20m and 40m are the money bands and there is plenty of activity. Unfortunately for Juan, 2025 saw remarkable conditions on 15m and K8MR ran away with things there, finishing with 802 QSOs on 15m CW, a 450-QSO delta.



The three M/S mobile teams met for dinner on Saturday night in Jacksonville. Clockwise from L - K08E, N4KM, W4WF, K1TO, K2UA, K4BAI. Photo courtesy of a very patient waitress.

We added the Expedition category to the FQP to more accurately account for stations that operate away from home, that may relocate during the contest, but which use more efficient antennas than the mobiles. Expeditions may not operate in motion. They may relocate from county to county during the contest (but they don't have to). In any event, an Expedition should not use permanently-installed antennas. We had a healthy crop of Expeditions in 2025, including several multi-county Expeditions.

Congratulations to repeat winner AA4TI, who was joined in 2025 by K8DV. Steve and Dave covered 11 counties, mostly on county lines to maximize QSOs. They had very healthy SSB totals, including over 1000 QSOs and 53 multipliers with portable antennas with time taken out to drive between operating sites. AA4TI joined AD4EB, AD4ES, and K8MR with a final score > 1M points in 2025.

There were two teams closely bunched just below 400K in raw score. WA1S and her husband WA1F traveled from their home in CIT up to LAF in the panhandle, which has no resident hams active in FQP. They set up portable antennas and operated both modes for the weekend. Their low power signal was heard far and wide as they logged 62 multipliers on CW and a further 49 on SSB. Their logging accuracy was very impressive as well, as they landed on the log checking honor roll.

Just 1.5% ahead of Ann and Bob were the father-in-law/son-in-law team of N4CW and W4TMO. Bert and Jim covered 13 counties on CW only. They made nearly 2x the CW QSOs that WA1S logged, and they needed every one to edge ahead in the final tally to overcome the net 59 multiplier edge from WA1S.

Previous mobile entrant K2PS joined fellow Villager K3WT (not to be confused with longtime CIT resident K3TW) on a 6-county expedition in 2025. They used K3WT. They were mixed, but clearly their passion was reserved for CW, where they made 590 of their 610 QSOs.

For the single-op expeditions, we had two very serious entries in 2025. Prior WRTC competitor Tim N3QE combined a business trip to Miami with the FQP. He flew to MIA, rented a car, drove to Home Depot where he bought a painters pole, then camped in his car for the weekend prior to his work commitment in Everglades National Park, combining POTA and FQP operation. Tim made a very serious mixed-mode entry in FQP with a wire on a painter's pole, powered by his rental car. He ended up with a very respectable 956 total QSOs, about 800 of which were on CW. Tim's multiplier totals were very healthy, especially on SSB where almost $\frac{1}{3}$ of his total QSOs (43 of 147) were multipliers. Thanks to Tim and W4OX, DAD (which can be rare despite being the most populated county in the state) was easy pickings in 2025.

Slightly behind N3QE without the benefit of those 43 SSB multipliers was multi-op station owner and part-time Florida resident W2FU. Jeff winters on the west coast of Florida; a much more temperate environment than western NY where his station is located. He traveled to four counties for a CW-only expedition in 2025 and made almost 1300 QSOs with a miniscule error rate, comfortably on the log checking honor roll. W2FU's big QSO lead wasn't enough to overcome N3QE's extra multipliers though, so Tim ended up just ahead of Jeff in the standings.

At the upper end of the bands, we had five Expeditions in 2025 who brought only microphones. The Titusville ARC set up Field Day-style in BRE and operated as K4KSC on SSB. They had almost 500 QSOs and 62 multipliers, a FB score.

N4MMR was joined by his son to set up in three counties, where they averaged a nice round 100 QSOs per county after log checking.

KJ4LQX travels from his home in BRE to a rarer county for the FQP. This year, he chose a campground in CLA, where he posted 426 QSOs and 51 multipliers.

K4JC traveled from his home in BRE one county south to IDR, where he mustered up 272 QSOs and 57 multipliers. A special shout-out to Vince for recording such an accurate log...zero errors were detected in our rigorous log checking process. A golden log!

Finally, K4SBZ, now sadly a silent key, took his RV to four rare panhandle counties where he operated SSB-only and made 233 QSOs and 43 multipliers across his four stops.

Non-Florida Results

Our thanks again to the non-Florida entrants without whom we couldn't have a successful QSO Party. The bulk of our QSOs comes from our longtime supporters in the USA and Canada, and we appreciate their time and attention as they turn their beams south to chase the mobiles and fixed stations around the bands. We also tip our caps to the DX stations who take time away from "being the DX" to chase Floridians around the bands for a weekend.

Single-Op Mixed Mode

Many congratulations to N8II for a four-peat (four consecutive FQP category wins) and now six FQP wins overall. Jeff is creeping up on WA3HAE with eight wins and W8MJ who has 10 wins in this category. The secret to Jeff's success is his SSB prowess. K7SV was narrowly ahead of N8II on CW; both had a county sweep and Lar had 14 more QSOs than Jeff. However, Jeff had 78 more SSB QSOs than Lar and 21 more SSB multipliers.

In third place overall and first place QRP was K2YG. Dave uses a modest station in NJ, with a tribander and wire, but he made sure to haunt the mobile windows. With only 5w, he managed 64 counties on CW and an additional 28 on SSB in only 47 QSOs. Unfortunately, he couldn't muster a sweep, but his effort is very commendable. Next year!

Just behind K2YG was ND0C from MN. Randy is a devoted disciple of QRP contesting, and with his tribander and rotatable dipole on 40m he came very close to winning the out-of-state QRP title. He had more SSB QSOs and multipliers than K2YG, but fewer CW QSOs and multipliers. He gave himself the best chance he could with his logging accuracy as he finished with a Golden Log - no errors in 275 QSOs! FB!

A short distance behind ND0C was previous QRP winner WJ9B. Will is a former Floridian now living in ID. He chose to operate mixed mode in 2025; a rare decision from a confirmed CW aficionado.



K1TO in front of the Silver Bullet; a rented 2024 Nissan Altima that housed N4TO/m. The antennas were a Tarheel Designs Little Pro HP (on the trunk lip) for 40m and a Tarheel Designs Little Pro on a magmount on the roof for 20m/15m/10m.

Single Op Mixed Assisted

The single-op mixed assisted ranks were full of DX and VE calls this year. Congratulations to VE3NNT for a big finish in 2025 to win the category and set a new VE record! Les had 554 CW QSOs and an easy sweep (among the earliest of any competitor) to go with 106 SSB QSOs and 43 SSB multipliers. The double sweep remains elusive, driven by the preference of our mobile fleet for CW over SSB. If you work a mobile in a needed county and you're mixed mode, don't be afraid to ask them to QSY if they're not in the middle of a raging pileup.

In 2nd place behind VE3NNT was K0RC. Bob does a lot of analysis and publishes a very helpful Excel spreadsheet to help out-of-state entrants chase the mobiles and pursue a sweep. He made good use of his own tools to find all 67 counties on CW along with 42 SSB multipliers to finish in second place in the category.

Right behind K0RC, in third place overall, was K9PW. Pete left his amplifier off for the weekend, as did VE3NNT and K0RC, to take advantage of the 2.0x score multiplier. Pete had an exceptionally clean log, with only two errors noted in his 392 QSOs, easily making the log checking honor roll. Pete had 65 multipliers on CW and 45 on SSB, but he was missing one county to complete the mixed sweep. Next year!

In fourth place overall, and first place for HP and DX stations, was OM2VL. Laci operated from the very impressive OM8A station and turned in a phenomenal score, including the earliest sweep of the contest (tnx K4OJ/CLM). He had a CW sweep and 53 counties on SSB, which proved to be the difference in his score and KP2RUM's. Very impressively, Laci set the DX SO Mixed Assisted record in 2025 over many stations closer to Florida. Congratulations!

KP2RUM, operated by K9VV, had fewer CW QSOs than Laci but a comfortable lead in SSB QSOs with 205 against 168 for his European competition. Those extra multipliers on SSB that Laci found were dispositive in what proved to be a 3% margin of victory for OM2VL. Congratulations to both ops for very respectable scores.

Another remarkable score was VE3YT, who left his amplifier on for the weekend. Vic set the VE SO Assisted HP record in 2025 and finished with 452 CW QSOs and a sweep plus a very competitive 139 SSB QSOs and 46 counties on SSB, the most phone mults in the category.

Single-Op CW

Single-op CW is often the most popular category by number of entries from outside Florida. We had another bumper crop of logs in 2025. On top of the heap was 2024 winner N7IR. Gary operated from AZ and found 475 QSOs and a sweep, with almost as many QSOs on 15m as 20m (190 vs. 221). Gary's log was also very clean, as he made the log checking honor roll with an error rate of < 1.0%.

Single-Op Assisted CW

The single-op assisted CW entries had a very good chance of sweeping the counties with assistance from the RBN. Congratulations to previous winner K3WW for a big win and a sweep. Chas made almost 500 QSOs from N2SR's remote station in PA with 100w. We appreciate his frequent entries in the FQP.

Close behind Chas and also choosing to use only 100w was KV8Q. OH and PA are right in the sweet spot for 20m propagation from Florida most of the daylight hours, and Chas and Tom took full advantage. Tom's finish is particularly impressive considering he's operating from a condo with all indoor antennas! He finished with nearly 400 QSOs and an easy sweep in 2025.

Also breaking the 100K point barrier in 2025 was KM5G. Chuck used his tribander + dipole station in AR to great effect, finishing with 389 QSOs (only three behind KV8Q) and a sweep.

Just below the 100K threshold was NM2A from New York, who had 368 QSOs and 66 multipliers after log checking. We could identify only one bad QSO in his log, landing Mark in the log checking honor roll!

Other notable logs included N5TJ, who used his modest station in Texas (a single wire and a KW) to set the high mark for QSOs in the category with 560, to go alongside a sweep and a spot on the log checking honor roll. Jeff also set the record for Single-Op CW Assisted HP from outside FL! Congratulations!

Also posting a sweep with a very clean log was N5KO, who used his station in CA to log more than 400 QSOs in all 67 counties, cementing a spot on the log checking honor roll with a sub-1.0% error rate.

In the lead for DX entries was LY5W, who finished with 368 QSOs and 66 mults, just one county short of a sweep. Sam set the DX SO CW Assisted record in 2025!

Single Op SSB

W1KDA paced the group in the SSB-only category in 2025. Ron used his hexbeam from RI and 100w to win the category with a golden log of 187 QSOs!

VE3LRL was right behind Ron in the standings. Larry ran his amplifier and made more QSOs and had more multipliers than W1KDA, but couldn't overcome the 2.0x score multiplier that Ron enjoyed for using only 100w.

Single Op Assisted SSB

Without the RBN providing automatic spots, the volume of SSB spots in a contest like FQP is more limited, but I'm sure rare counties get a shout out frequently. Congratulations to VE3RGO for his great finish in the category with 175 QSOs and 51 multipliers, accompanied with an excellent error rate that landed him comfortably on the log checking honor roll! Stu set a record in the category in 2025 - here's to trying to extend it in 2026!

KI5MM finished second in the category from Texas. Lee used his tribander and wires station and finished with 146 QSOs and 47 multipliers, with a strong emphasis on 20m SSB, where he made more than half of his QSOs.

KN6VTC finished in third place in the category using high power from NY. Jim set the pace in this category with > 200 QSOs and 54 multipliers.

Multi-Op

If you can't spend the entire weekend in front of the radio by yourself, why not consider inviting a friend to your station for the FQP this year? Pick someone who is particularly fond of a different mode than you are and work mixed mode. You may land yourself a plaque and a spot in the 2026 writeup!

Congratulations to W1FM (+ N1SOH) for a repeat win in the non-Florida Multi-Single category. Jake and Ethan had a very impressive 388 QSOs and 66 multipliers. They had a perfect CW log with a single error on SSB to easily land on the log checking honor roll.

Club Competition

The FQP club competition has turned into a real seesaw battle between PVRC and CCO, with CCO coming out on top in 2025 and setting a new record! PVRC set the record for total club QSOs in 2024 with 6,487 QSOs across all logs; CCO set the bar at 6,682 in 2025 thanks to big scores from VE3NNT and many others.

With a traditional aggregate score competition, smaller logs are not very material to the order of finish and a single large log can carry disproportionate weight. We believe it is fairer, for out of state entrants with a limited pool of QSOs, to base the club competition award on QSOs after log checking. That way, each incremental log adds (at minimum) one QSO to the club score. We value all submitted logs, as even a small log enables us to cross-check more QSOs and ensure the overall log accuracy as much as possible.

FQP has somewhat unique rules for club competition in order to encourage and reward part-time participation by out-of-state entrants. While this posture has had the desired effect on non-FL club scores, it has had the unintended side effect of squelching the in-state club competition. So, to that end we decided to reinstate mobile and expedition scores for in-state club scores beginning in 2025.

Mobiles, Expeditions, 1X1s not included					
<u>NON-FLORIDA CLUB</u>	<u>QSOs</u>	<u>SCORE</u>	<u>ENTRIES</u>	<u>HIGHEST QSOs</u>	<u>QTH(s) SUBMITTED FROM</u>
Contest Club Ontario (CCO)	6682	1,349,231	39	VE3NNT	ON AB TI
Potomac Valley Radio Club (PVRC)	6297	1,442,116	43	N8II	VA MD NC WV ID ME DE PA
Yankee Clipper Contest Club (YCCC)	3976	824,272	21	W1FM	MA NY CT NH VT ME
Minnesota Wireless Assn (MWA)	3654	878,660	28	K0RC	MN WI ND
Frankford Radio Club (FRC)	3564	625,815	18	K3WW	PA NJ NY DE
Society of Midwest Contesters (SOMC)	3217	737,122	19	N9CK	IL IN WI FL
Tennessee Contest Group (TCG)	2418	354,138	26	W4NZ	TN NC
Kansas City Contest Club (KCCC)	2272	441,766	11	NS0R	KS MO
Niagara Frontier Radiosport (NFR)	1615	303,450	10	K2ZR/4	NY FL

Mobiles, Expeditions, 1X1s not included					
Swamp Fox CG (SFCG)	1488	277,127	16	WN4AFP	SC GA
Central Texas DX/Contest Club (CTDXCC)	1133	147,316	4	N5TJ	TX
Arizona Outlaws Contest Club (AOCC)	964	176,756	6	N7IR	AZ
Southern California Contest Club (SCCC)	904	130,929	6	K6RC	CA
Bavarian Contest Club (BCC)	890	129,236	9	DK5PD	DL
Mad River Radio Club (MRRC)	883	167,668	8	W8UE	MI OH
Northern California Contest Club (NCCC)	873	109,336	15	KM9R	CA NV NM
North Coast Contesters (NCC)	601	111,158	4	W8CAR	OH PA
DFW CG	571	163,492	2	WA8ZBT	TX
New Providence ARC	556	212,574	3	K2YG	NJ
Hudson Valley Contesters and Dxers (HVCDX)	526	112,909	4	WA2JQK	NY
Rochester DXA	488	87,236	2	N2ZN	NY
Texas DX Society (TDXS)	453	55,778	3	AF5J	TX
Bristol ARC	450	127,004	2	K4DR	TN
Lake Area AR Klub (LAARK)	425	56,532	8	A15G	TX MO
Portage County ARS	422	82,242	5	K8BF	OH
Western Washington DX Club (WWDXC)	376	51,716	2	N7EPD	WA
Kentucky Contest Group (KCG)	362	66,460	5	KM4FO	KY
South East Contest Club (SECC)	318	42,340	5	AD8J	GA NC SC
SP DXC	310	47,716	4	SP6JOE	SP
Carolina DXA	244	61,536	2	N4IJ	NC
Karo Echo	234	11,902	4	KN6VTC	CA NY
Sterling Park ARC	231	20,082	4	AJ4LN	VA
North American QRP CW Club (NAQCC)	200	35,094	4	KE3V	PA IL OH CA
Alabama Contest Group (ACG)	171	22,320	2	KC4TEO	AL
River Bend Wireless Club	116	6,181	2	W0DCN	IA
Bay Area Dxers	115	7,253	3	K8LX	MI
South Jersey DX Assn (SJDXA)	111	15,708	2	KX1W	NJ
CTRI CG	106	12,426	3	K4UW	CT RI MA
FLORIDA CLUB	<u>QSOs</u>	<u>SCORE</u>	<u>ENTRIES</u>	<u>HIGHEST QSOs</u>	
The Villages ARC (TVARC)	3364	693,064	7	W3US	
Big Bend CG	1248	257,248	3	KO4DN	
Silver Springs RC	1171	138,568	3	WA3LXD	
Solivita RC	847	96,552	2	W9MET	
Boca Raton ARA	386	46,104	3	KB4EE	
Everglades ARC	368	15,780	2	W4SVI	

Mobiles, Expeditions, 1X1s not included					
Ft Myers ARC	248	28,016	2	K4RAB	
Florida Contest Group (FCG) - SPONSOR			44	N4TO	

The following Clubs had one entry, so they were not included in the Club listing:

599 DXA, AR OF DECATUR COUNTY, ARASWF, ARC, ARC AT USF, ARDXA, ATLANTIC COAST DX & CG, AUSTIN QRP CLUB, AVRA, BALTIC CC, BIG SKY CONTESTERS, BLOOMINGTON ARC, CANDLEWOOD ARA, CARS, CCF, CENTRAL OH CC, CG DU QUEBEC, CLEVELAND ARC, CUMBERLAND ARC, CVCC, CW OPS, DAVIE COOPER CITY ARC, DEEP DIXIE CC, DICKSON COUNTY ARC, DOUGLAS COUNTY ARC, EMPIRE CC, FT SMITH AREA ARC, GATEWAY ARC, GCARA, GKCC, GMCC, GOSHEN ARC, HENDRICKS COUNTY ARS, HIGHLANDS ARC, ISLAND HF, JEFFERSON ARC, JUPITER REMOTE, K5LRK, KINGS POINT ARC, KQ4PHQ, KS0JA, KSC ARC, LAKE MONROE ARS, MARCI, METRO DXC, MOTHERLOAD DX/CC, NE MD ARCS, NIARA, OCRA, OKDXA, OLE VA HAMS, ORANGE PARK ARC, PANHANDLE ARC, PCARS, PLAYGROUND ARC, RADIO AMATEURS OF N VT, RADIO CLUB OF REDMOND, RAPPAHANNOCK ARA, REDWOOD EMPIRE DXA, RRDXA, RUSSIAN CC, SENECA RC, SHENANDOAH VALLEY ARC, SJRA, SK CC, SKCC, SLOVAK CG, SNOHOMISH COUNTY HC, SPCC, ST PETE ARC, STANWOOD CAMANO ARC, TAMIAMI ARC, TITUSVILLE ARC, UPARC, USCGC INGHAM, VIENNA WIRELESS SOC, W.T. LOFTEN HS ARC, WA7LAW, WVDXC

Golden Logs & Log Checking Honor Roll

In 2024, the competition for the top golden log was tight and the top two finishers were separated by only six QSOs after log checking. In 2025, 5-time golden log award winner N9CK put the rest of the competition to shame with his 513-QSO golden log. Over 500 QSOs with no errors, particularly from outside of Florida (where we have a greater proportion of the logs to cross-check) is very impressive. It also demonstrates how thin the margins are in this most unforgiving plaque...a single discernable error takes N9CK's log from a golden log to just an outstanding error rate (1 error in 513 QSOs would be approximately a 0.2% error rate...exemplary by any measure). In second place on the list was 2024 winner W1TO. Kudos to all those who finished with golden logs.

The log checking honor roll consists of entries with at least 100 QSOs where the error rate was < 1.0%. Special shout-out to mobile entries who made the list...N4TO (K1TO & K2UA), W4AN (K4BAI & KU8E), and N4FCG (N4BP & NX4N) as well as large fixed station logs from within Florida like N4TB, K4A (WO4O), N4A (NF4A), WC4E, WB4TDH, WA1S (+ WA1F), W4SPR, and others. The FQP management value logging accuracy very highly; that's part of the reason we spend so much time and energy in log analysis and review, to ensure that we can fully certify our results. Our log checking is very rigorous, and we believe strongly in rewarding those stations who can pass through the log checking process (relatively) unscathed.

BOLD = also Golden Log or on Honor Roll in 2025	
HONOR ROLL <1% errors, >99 QSOs	
GOLDEN LOGS 2025	QSOs
N9CK	513
W1TO	290
ND0C	275
K4JC	272
N2NT	234
K0AP	226
VE3EJ	197
K4AMC	194
W1KDA	187
DL5AXX	186
K2NV	171
K1GU	159
K4HQK	158
W8RU	158
W1QK	157
N1LN	150
AA3B	148
N4CC	148
AI5G	147
KB0NES	144
K2QB	130
K7JQ	126
N2NC	126
K1BZ	125
KI6RRN	120
N1KSC (KB3KX WA4ECT ops)	114
WB4HRL	114
KT3T	113
K3TS	111
K5UV	111
KC1QEM	110
K9NW	108
VA3PC	104
N1XI	101
VE3VN	100

HONOR ROLL 2025	N4EK
AA4DD	N4IU
AD4EB	N4TB
DK2ZO	N5KO
DL3DXX	N5RZ
K0JJR	N5TJ
K0MPH	N6MU
K0TC	N7EPD
K1RO	N7IR
K1TO (ONE OP AT N4TO)	N8KH
K1VUT	NE8P
K2MK	NF4A (N4A)
K2UA (ONE OP AT N4TO)	NM2A
K2YG	NW0M
K3SV	NX4N (ONE OP AT N4FCG)
K3WJV	VA1MM
K4BAI (ONE OP AT W4AN)	VA3FN
K4BSK	VE3GFN
K4DR	VE3RGO
K4EU	VE3SST
K4FT	VE5MX
K4QS	W1BQ
K5MAY	W1FM (MULTI OP)
K5TIA	W2FU
K7RL	W2XL
K8NZ	W3US
K9CW	W4EE
K9PW	W4LEW
KC2GOW	W4OX
KD4S	W4SPR
KE0TT	W4UT
KG9X	W8CAR
KU8E (ONE OP AT W4AN)	W8EWH
KZ3P	W9TC
N1NN	W9WI
N1SOH (ONE OP AT W1FM)	WA1F (ONE OP AT WA1S)
N2RC	WA1S (MULTI OP)
N2ZN	WB4TDH
N3KN	WC4E
N4BP (ONE OP AT N4FCG)	WO4O (K4A)

Log Checking Comments

Both in-state and out-of-state entrants have calls and exchanges that can trip them up. SAR vs. HAR has caused problems in the past (and they're not very far apart geographically, though they do not border one another). For in-state stations, they had to watch out for VE3NNT and VE3CT on CW, and N2NT and N2NC on SSB.

For each busted call, busted QTH and not-in-log in your FQP log, a one QSO penalty is assessed. Duplicates, out-of-state to out-of-state, and QSOs outside the 20 FQP hours are removed without penalty. We at the FQP will continue to adhere to high standards of log checking, as it remains a high priority to us to fully certify our results. Each line score reflects the total number of valid QSOs. Penalties are subtracted before calculating the final score. Don't worry about logging stations in various formats. K4OJ, K4OJ/m, K4OJ/LAF, K4OJ/m/LAF, and K4OJ/r are all equivalent, provided the received QTH field shows LAF for the QSO in question.

While some sponsors remove all uniques from logs, the FQP and most other contest sponsors take a different view -- if a callsign appears in only your log, it cannot be assumed to be busted. There are many casual participants on the air in a given weekend and in an event like the FQP there are many valid reasons why a callsign might appear in only one log. Unique QSOs are not removed from your FQP log if they are deemed to be a valid and workable callsign/QTH combination. For US calls, we do verify license class at the time of the FQP and we do remove QSOs made outside of the legal band segments for Technician, General, and Advanced class licenses, if applicable.

Cheerleading is somewhat related to unique calls. Cheerleading is the practice of working exclusively (or almost so) one station that weekend in hopes of benefiting them because the cheerleader is not also working their competitors. In the FQP, with many mobiles hitting 30+ counties, the impact of a cheerleader is markedly amplified over a traditional contest where only a few QSOs can be made between two stations. A sophisticated cheerleader might try to work a nominal number of other QSOs so their call does not appear to be a unique, but the vast majority of their QSOs will be with their target station. We consider cheerleading to be a form of poor sportsmanship and we strongly discourage it.

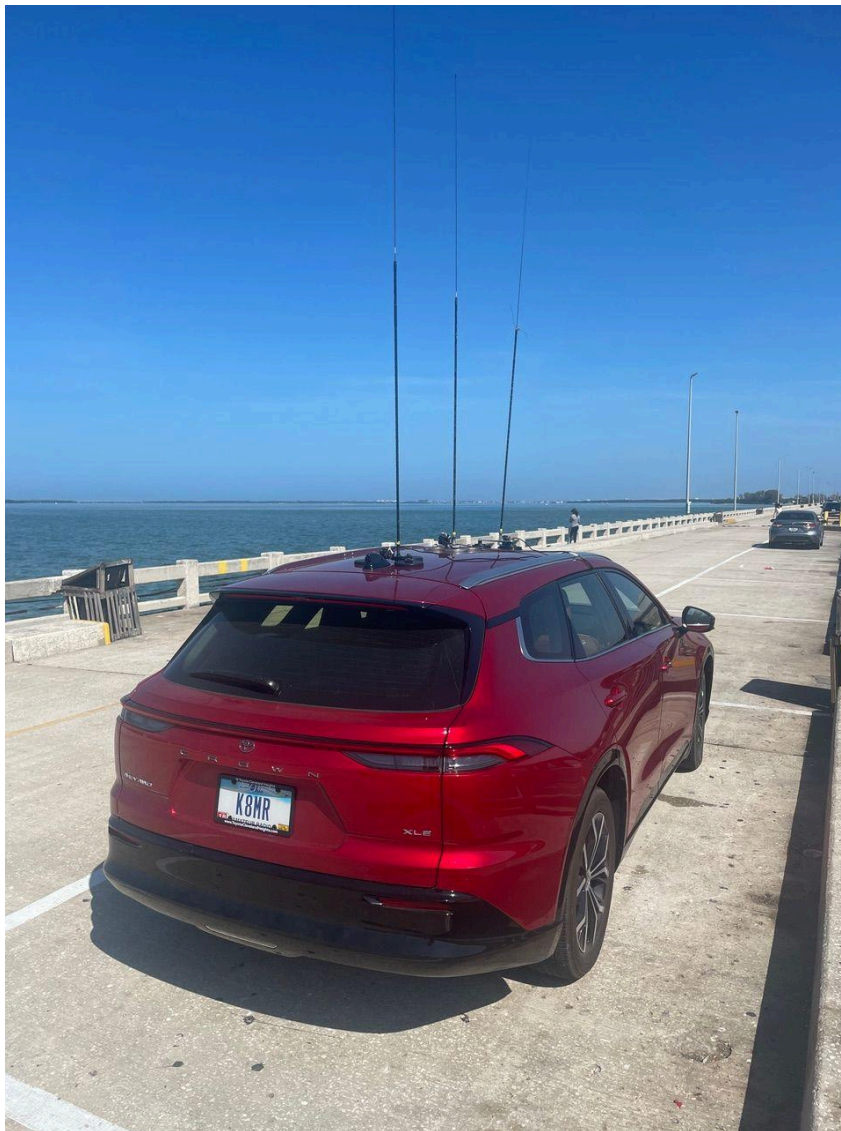
Similarly, if you hold a club callsign, please do not make contacts with both your regular and your club callsign to artificially inflate the score of one team or entrant.

Any attempt to spot yourself will result in your entry being reclassified as a Checklog. While self-spotting is now permitted for some contests, we believe it gives the spotter an unfair advantage in contesting over those who wait for others to randomly spot them. One exception we make to this rule is for the 1x1s. Since we want to maximize exposure of every 1x1, we permit reasonable levels of self-spotting to increase the number of folks who can sweep the 1x1 letters.

As a reminder, there is no 10-minute rule or band change restriction in the FQP. Entrants in all categories may change bands and modes as often as they wish. Just don't transmit at the same time on multiple frequencies if you are single-op.

Please pay close attention to the mobile windows. If you are a fixed station or Expedition inside or outside of Florida and you call CQ there, you will be detected and may be given a warning.

We support and encourage maximum contest activity from inside and outside Florida. If you're operating with a multi-op team and you also want to operate from home, that's great! Please submit both logs as they'll both be eligible for awards and you might just get a prime spot in the results write-up!



K8MR/m in the parking lot of the Sunshine Skyway pier in HIL; that is salt water visible to the operator (and more importantly, to the antenna).

In Conclusion

Our friends in Switzerland have had a long-time event called the Helvetia Contest running on the same weekend as the FQP. Please follow this link and support their terrific contest as we co-exist peacefully and constructively.

<http://www.uska.ch/amateurfunkpraxis/wettbewerbe-und-diplome/schweizer-contest-kw/>

Thanks as always to all the volunteers that make the FQP happen. KU8E has done great work managing our website and making changes and updates as needed. WA7BNM has stepped up to handle log uploads and certificate processing.

NX4N has continued to serve as chief FQP cheerleader in the spirit of K4OJ, whose frequent posts to the CQ-Contest mailing list often ended with "...only xxx days until the FQP!" Chris works tirelessly behind the scenes to answer questions, solicit activity, recruit new clubs and organizations to activate rare counties, and on top of that, is planning a single-op/no driver entry on several south Florida county lines for 2026.

Last but certainly not least, K1TO is the reason that the FQP is the success it is. Dan puts in countless hours analyzing logs and computing results, serves as the rules guru resolving problems and clearing up inconsistencies in the rules from year to year, handles the plaque distribution, and dedicates a lot of time to the contest to ensure that it is successful for everyone. Without his effort, it is not an exaggeration to say that we wouldn't have an FQP.

Finally, we want to thank all of the FQP entrants who take time away from other obligations for the weekend to operate the contest and make Floridians feel like DX for the weekend. Your most important and appreciated contribution is your time...we look forward to seeing you on the bands for the 2026 FQP on April 25 - 26!

SPONSOR	2025 FLORIDA QSO PARTY PLAQUE	AWARDED TO
PJ4WW/K9VV	Florida Mixed	W3US
K4JC	Florida CW Low Power (WD4AHZ Memorial)	W4SPR
K1TO and WC4E	Florida CW High Power (W1YL, W1CW, K4OJ Memorial)	W1RCR
N4DL	Florida SSB	NL7WA
K4FB	Florida QRP	K3TW
Suwannee ARC - N4SVC	Florida Single Operator Assisted	K3SV

W4EE	Florida Rookie	KQ4ZGD
NV9L	Florida YL	AJ4D
N4BP	Florida Multi-Single (K4PG Memorial)	W4MLB (10 ops)
K4JC	Florida Club Station	NA4DC
N1SER	Florida School	K4WTL (W4GJ Bella Ella)
AD4ES	First Florida Single Operator to Work All States	(no entries)
K8NZ	Florida Mobile No Driver	K8MR
N4LZ	Florida Mobile Plus Driver	AD4EB
N4EEB	Florida Mobile SSB	(no entries)
K4RX	Florida Mobile Multi-Single Mixed	W4AN (K4BAI KU8E ops)
K1TO	Florida Mobile Multi-Single CW (N4TO Memorial)	N4TO (K2UA K1TO ops)
K1MM	Florida Mobile Multi-Transmitter	AD4ES (+ K4QD K5LD KE4YGT)
Empire Contest Club NE2CC	Florida Expedition (NX4TT Memorial)	AA4TI (+ K8DV)
NF4A	Non-Florida Mixed	N8II
W4WF	Non-Florida CW (N4OO Memorial)	N7IR
Empire Contest Club NE2CC	Non-Florida SSB	W1KDA
NA4CW	Non-Florida QRP	K2YG
K1MM	Non-Florida Mixed Assisted	VE3NNT
NN7CW	Non-Florida CW Assisted	K3WW
Empire Contest Club NE2CC	Non-Florida Multi-Single	W1FM (+ N1SOH)
W4OZK	Non-Florida School	(no entries)
W4LIS	Non-Florida YL	W4LEW
N4LZ	Non-Florida Club	Contest Club Ontario (CCO)
Niagara Frontier Radiosport (NFR)	W2 Single Operator	K2YG
NK4O	W4 (Non-Florida) Single Operator	K7SV

AA4PP - Naples Contest Crew	Canada Mixed	VE3SST
N4LZ	Canada CW	VA3FN
W4SO	Canada SSB	VE3LRL
N4KS	Canada Assisted	VE3YT
N2NL	DX Mixed Mode	OM2VL
W4DAS	DX Single Operator Assisted	KP2RUM
KE1F	DX CW	LY5W
NX4N	Caribbean, Central / South America	KP2RUM
K3TW/SO5TW	Poland - HP	SP5WA
K3TW/SO5TW	Poland - LP	SP6JOE
K3TW/SO5TW	Poland - CW	SP5CNA
N4EEB	First to Work All 67 Counties	OM2VL
AA4HP Radio Sport Club Inc.	Largest Unassisted Golden Log	N9CK
K3LR & N2NT	Youth	WV4AM
AA4HP Radio Sport Club Inc.	Special 1x1 - Single Operator	N4E (NN7CW op)
NK4O	Most FL Mobiles	K3WW
K5KG	Special Achievement - Special 1x1 - Multi Operator	K4T (KK4TE N4OX ops)